

Acts^{vol. 5} THE CHURCH EXPANDING



Corresponds to the 2/19/23 sermon

Acts 17:1-15

Big Idea: God moves in the humble but opposes the proud.

GETTING STARTED

- 1) Would you rather... always be 10 minutes late or always be 20 minutes early?
- 2) We are diving back into the book of acts. What has stood out to you or impacted you most so far in our study of this book?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **Acts 17:1-15**

- What stands out to you about today's passage?
- What is Paul's primary work in both Thessalonica and Berea?



- How do the Thessalonians respond to Paul's message?
- How do the Bereans Respond to Paul's message?
- How does these two communities reception of Paul's message contrast each other?
- What was the primary motivation of each community?

GETTING PRACTICAL

- 1) What stood out to you about this week's message?
- 2) In what way does the Thessalonian church become a cautionary example for us?
- 3) The Berean church was praised for their character and their response to the Gospel message that Paul brought. What role do these Berean characteristics play in our response and maturity of faith (address one characteristic at a time)?
 - a. Hunger and eagerness for the truth.
 - b. Humility.
 - c. Submission to truth and Jesus' Lordship in our lives.
- 4) Is there one of these characteristics that stands out as a strength for you?
- 5) Which of these characteristics would you like to see be more prevalent in your life?

TAKING IT HOME

For you to examine the scriptures as the Berean's did you must read and examine them daily.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Answer the questions in meditation or journaling: What does this passage tell you about the scriptures? What do you need to change with your relationship to the scriptures?

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